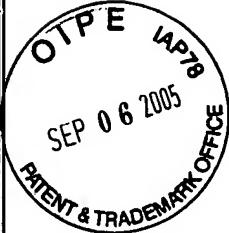


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PATENT DIVISION

RESPONSE/AMENDMENT - AFTER FINAL

Applicant: Doyle W. Eakin) September 5, 2005
Appl. No.: 10/656,714) Attorney Docket No. RAR471.01
Filing Date: 09/04/2003) Group Art Unit 3643
Title: Plant Pot Drainage Tray) Examiner: Valenti, Andrea M.

HONORABLE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

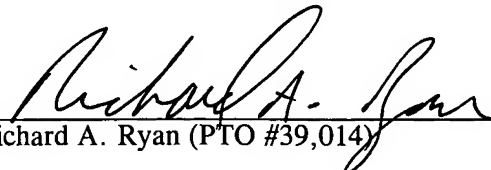
In response to the communication from the Examiner dated May 3, 2005, the applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, and reconsideration of the amended application be considered in light of the following:

1. The Examiner's Office Action dated May 3, 2005, provided for a three (3) month shortened statutory period, which expired August 3, 2005. This response/amendment is being filed on September 6, 2005, which is believed to be within the one month extension period in which to file a response/amendment (the 3rd falling on a Saturday and Monday the 5th being Labor Day). As a result, Applicant requests a one month extension and includes the one month extension fee of \$60.00 for the one month extension of time for a small entity. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

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1 2. The following materials are enclosed herewith to comply with the Revised
2 Amendment Practice set forth in 37 CFR § 1.121:

3 a. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page
4 3 of this Response/Amendment.

5 b. Remarks/arguments begin on page 8 of this Response/Amendment.
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7 Summary of Claims:

8 Kindly amend claims 1, 13 and 18.

9 Kindly cancel claims 9 and 10.
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